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September 3, 2010

To: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair  
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From: William T Fujioka  
Chief Executive Officer

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## **COMMITMENT BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (ITEM NO. 9, AGENDA OF AUGUST 3, 2010)**

On August 3, 2010, your Board directed the Chief Executive Officer to contact the City of Los Angeles (City) to determine if the City will contribute to the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) operating budget and to report back. As directed, the City was contacted, and a copy of the response is attached.

In brief, the City reaffirms its continued support for LA-RICS, identifies the in-kind staff and funding resources currently dedicated to the project, provides the amount of grant funds secured through the coordinated effort of many for LA-RICS to date, and renews its commitment to continue to work with the LA-RICS JPA to develop an equitable funding plan for the ongoing operational costs associated with LA-RICS.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Deputy Chief Executive Officer Jacqueline A. White, Public Safety, at (213) 893-2374.

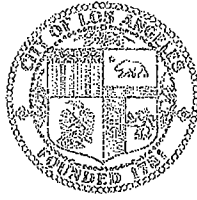
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ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA  
MAYOR

August 20, 2010

William T. Fujioka  
Chief Executive Officer  
County of Los Angeles  
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Re: City of Los Angeles Commitment to the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable  
Communications System (LA-RICS)

Dear Mr. Fujioka:

At the August 3 meeting of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, questions arose regarding the commitment of the City of Los Angeles to the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS). This letter re-affirms our commitment to building and funding a system that meets the needs of all residents of the region, and the first responders who serve them.

We understand that building LA-RICS requires close cooperation among the City, the County, and our eighty-three partners throughout the region. In support of that partnership, the City is providing the following resources toward the success of our joint effort:

- 8 communications engineers from our Information Technology Agency;
- 2 operations staff, one each from our Police and Fire departments;
- 2 full time civilian management staff from my office, plus priority access to our team of grants and finance specialists;
- Full access to 32 key communications sites across the City, such as our tower facilities at Mount Lee;
- Space for a network control center at our LAPD Valley Dispatch Center, a new facility designed to be highly disaster resilient;

- Full access to our data transport infrastructure, including 32 fiber optic relay nodes and a 66-link microwave network.

In addition to providing in-kind staff and facilities toward the success of the system, the City of Los Angeles has worked closely with County officials, including Sheriff Baca, Fire Chief Freeman, and Interim Health Services Director Schunhoff, in aggressively pursuing and securing federal funding for LA-RICS. Through this coordinated effort we have together obtained more than \$135 million dollars to offset the estimated \$600 million cost of LA-RICS, including:

- \$83 million in Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds;
- \$22 million in Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) funds;
- \$17 million in State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funds; and
- \$14 million in Justice Assistance Grant / American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (JAG/ARRA) funds.

As these programs are all intended to fund regional initiatives, it is only through our strong partnership that we are able to use these funds towards LA-RICS, and our continued partnership will be the key to securing future federal support. Accordingly, I will continue to work with the County and the rest of our partners to secure additional project funding.

In the midst of this slowly recovering economy, during which the City is not alone in facing unprecedented budget challenges, grant funds will help keep the project moving forward. Ultimately, however, the build-out, operation, and maintenance of LA-RICS must be funded through alternative means. As public safety is my first priority, I will continue to work with the LA-RICS Joint Powers Authority to develop an efficient, equitable, and effective funding plan for the system, and to make fair financial contributions accordingly. In fact, I have dedicated one of my most experienced staff members to serve as Chair of the LA-RICS Finance Committee.

LA-RICS will soon be a model for public safety communications across the country, and a critical element towards keeping the residents of the region protected. The City of Los Angeles remains a committed partner in the success of this effort.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Deputy Mayor Eileen Decker at (213) 978-0687.

Very truly yours,



ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA  
Mayor

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